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(54) **Method for preparing water soluble polypeptides**

(57) Methods are provided for the preparation in recombinant host cells of biologically active soluble variants of discretely encoded, heteromultimer polypeptide receptors. Such variants are synthesized by the secretion from recombinant transformants of transmem-

brane-modified heteromultimer receptors. Preferred receptors are extracellular matrix, cell surface, or plasma protein-binding receptors such as GPIIb-IIIa.

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1. Claims: 1-4,33-36

Method for preparing membrane-bound GPIIb-IIIa.

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Secreted multiple subunit polypeptides (MSP), complexes thereof, methods for expressing them, nucleic acids encoding them, and method for preparing them.